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All Averages are for 1961 - 1980, 20 year period.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

SNOWPACK MEASUREMENTS

The snowpack conditions in the state have changed significantly during the last month. Snowfall during January, especially in the Sierra, was 5 to 10 percent of average. In addition, unseasonably warm weather has resulted in the melting of much of the snowpack below the 6500 foot elevation. The warm temperatures have compressed and decreased the snow depth, consequently the densities encountered during the surveys are very high for February first. The density of the snow at many of the courses is between 40 to 50 percent, which is more like those encountered April first.

The snowpack in the Tahoe, Truckee, Carson, and Walker Basins is below last year but is still above the twenty year average. The Tahoe-Truckee Basin is 122% of the 1961 to 1980 average and 80% of last year. The Carson-Walker Basin is 125% of average and 82% of last year. If no more snow or melt occurs in the next two months the snowpack April first will be about 80% of average, however with average snowfall the April first snowpack will be 115% of average.

Snowpack conditions in the northern part of the state are still above last year and well ahead of the average. The Upper Humboldt River Basin is 181% of last year and 224% of average. The Lower Humboldt River Basin is 140% of last year and 255% of average. The water content of the snowpack on January 30, 1984 at the Pole Creek Ranger Station was 21.9 inches. The twenty year average at the site was 13.3 inches and there was only 12.8 inches at the site last year. The water content at the Tremewan Ranch outside Elko was 5.6 inches on January 31, 1984. Last year there was 2.5 inches and the twenty year average is only 1.2 inches.

The eastern part of the state also has an excellent snowpack. The snowpack is 164% of last year and 178% of average. The water content at the Ward Mountain SNOTEL site on February 2, 1984 was 11.2 inches. The average for the site is 5.1 inches and there were 8.8 inches last year. The Murray Summit snow course had 5.2 inches of snow water on the site this month compared to 3.7 inches last year. Robinson Summit had 4.1 inches of snow water this year compared to 2.6 inches last year.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

Reservoir storage in the state remained above average for this time of year. The total storage of the seven major reservoirs monitored indicated that the storage is 131% of the twenty year average. Lake Tahoe as of February first was 136% of average. Lahontan Reservoir was 115% of average and Rye Patch 126%. Wildhorse

Reservoir had the highest percent of average storage at 210%. The surface elevation of Pyramid Lake rose 1.67 feet during the month and Walker Lake's elevation increased 1.90 feet since December 1, 1983. The surface elevation at Washoe Lake decreased 3 tenths of a foot during the last month.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS

Streamflows in the major rivers effecting Nevada are forecasted to have above average flow for the period April through July. The Truckee River at Farad, California is forecasted at 380,000 acre-feet which is 141% of average. The Little Truckee River above Boca, California should flow 130,00 acre-feet which is 140% of average. Conditions on the Carson River will also be above average for the April through July forecast period. The Carson River near Carson City is forecasted at 255,000 acre-feet which is 140% of average. The East Walker River near Bridgeport is projected at 152% of average with 100,000 acre-feet.

Rivers in the eastern and northern part of Nevada are expected to flow well above the averages. The Humboldt River at Palisades is forecasted at 540,000 acre-feet and is 235% of average. The Owyhee River near Owyhee will produce 180,000 acre-feet which is 211% of average.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: February 1, 1984

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1961-80 period.

| FORECAST POINT | Forecast Period | Forecast This Year | This Year as Percent of Average | Average † |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|

TRUCKEE RIVER

| | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Truckee River at Farad, CA <u>1/</u> | April-July | 380 | 141 | 273 |
| Lake Tahoe Rise in feet (assuming gates closed) | April 1 to high | 1.9 | 136 | 1.42 |
| Little Truckee River above Boca, CA | April-July | 130 | 140 | 87 |

CARSON RIVER

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| East Carson near Gardnerville, NV | April-July | 236 | 126 | 182 |
| West Carson at Woodfords, CA | April-July | 70 | 132 | 53 |
| Carson River near Carson City, NV | April-July | 255 | 140 | 183 |
| Carson River near Fort Churchill, NV | April-July | 235 | 142 | 167 |

WALKER RIVER

| | | | | |
|---|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| East Walker near Bridgeport, CA <u>2/</u> | April-Aug. | 100 | 152 | 69 |
| West Walker near Little Walker near Coleville, CA | April-July | 215 | 145 | 146 |

HUMBOLDT RIVER

| | | | | |
|---|------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, NV | April-July | 39 | 140 | 28 |
| So. Fork Humboldt above Dixie Creek, NV | April-July | 150 | 200 | 73 |
| Marys River at Deeth, NV | April-July | 74 | 200 | 37 |
| N. Fork Humboldt at Devils Gate, NV | April-July | 75 | 216 | 35 |
| Humboldt River at Palisade, NV | April-July | 540 | 235 | 221 |
| Humboldt River at Comus, NV | April-July | 450 | 260 | 178 |
| Martin Creek near Paradise, NV | April-July | 33 | 223 | 15 |

SNAKE RIVER

| | | | | |
|--|------------|-----|-----|----|
| Owyhee River near Gold Creek, NV <u>3/</u> | April-July | 50 | 217 | 23 |
| Owyhee River near Owyhee, NV <u>3/</u> | April-July | 180 | 211 | 80 |

NOTE: Streamflow forecasts which appear in this Bulletin are a coordinated activity of the National Weather Service and the Soil Conservation Service.

1/ Observed flow plus change in storage in Boca, Stampede and Prosser Reservoirs, Donner, Independence, and Martis Creek Lakes, and minus the flow at Truckee River at Tahoe City, California.

2/ Observed flow plus change in storage in Bridgeport Reservoir.

3/ Observed flow plus change in storage in Wildhorse Reservoir.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) AS OF February 1, 1984

| Basin or Stream | RESERVOIR | Usable Capacity | Usable Storage | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| | | | This Year | Last Year | Average† |
| Owyhee | Wildhorse | 72 | 58 | 57 | 30 |
| Lower Humboldt | Rye Patch | 194 | 118 | 175 | 111 |
| Colorado | Mohave | 1,810 | 1,692 | 1,708 | 1,660 |
| Colorado | Mead | 26,159 | 24,370 | 23,937 | 17,580 |
| Tahoe | Tahoe | 745 | 545 | 592 | 479 |
| Truckee | Boca | 41 | 25 | 26 | 19 |
| Truckee | Stampede** | 222 | 199 | 202 | 118* |
| Truckee | Prosser*** | 30 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| Carson | Lahontan | 295 | 222 | 194 | 214 |
| West Walker | Topaz | 59 | 44 | 42 | 37 |
| East Walker | Bridgeport | 42 | 27 | 28 | 31 |

* Adjusted average.
 ** Storage began August 1, 1969.
 *** Flood Control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10.

TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

| MONTH | This Year | Last Year | Average † |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| October 1 | 705 | 1,172 | 786 |
| January 1 | 1,211 | 1,070 | 844 |
| February 1 | 1,041 | 1,114 | 920 |
| March 1 | | 1,089 | 968 |
| April 1 | | 1,079 | 1,010 |
| May 1 | | 972 | 1,032 |

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-feet.
 TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1,448

PEAK FLOWS (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

| FORECAST POINT | PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET) | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Forecast Range | Average † |
| Peak flow forecast not issued until March 1, 1984 | | |

FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES

| FORECAST POINT | Low Flow Value Second/Ft. | Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value | Average Date of Low Flow Value |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Low flow forecasts not issued until March 1, 1984 | | | |

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

| DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE | | THIS YEAR | | | PAST RECORD | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Date of Survey | Snow Depth (inches) | Water Content (inches) | Water Content | |
| NAME | Elevation | | | | Last Year | Average + |

TAHUE-TRUCKEE BASIN

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|-----|-------|------|------|
| BIG MEADOWS (CA) | 8300 | 2/01/84 | 65 | 23.0S | 26.5 | -- |
| BOCA #2 (CA) | 5900 | 1/29/84 | 3 | 1.3 | 8.6 | 4.5 |
| BROCKWAY SUMMIT (CA) | 7100 | 1/26/84 | 38 | 14.8 | 23.1 | 12.0 |
| CASTLE CREEK (CA) | 7400 | 1/31/84 | 101 | 45.0 | 49.7 | 32.9 |
| CSS LAB (CA) | 6900 | 1/30/84 | 69 | 26.7 | -- | -- |
| DONNER PARK #2 (CA) | 6000 | 1/29/84 | 17 | 5.4 | 16.6 | 10.7 |
| DONNER SUMMIT (CA) | 6900 | 1/30/84 | 67 | 27.8 | 40.6 | 24.5 |
| ECHO PEAK (CA) | 7800 | 1/26/84 | 85 | 38.5 | 36.4 | 27.0 |
| ECHO SUMMIT (CA) | 7450 | 1/31/84 | 67 | 22.2 | 31.4 | 22.2 |
| FALLEN LEAF (CA) | 6300 | 1/26/84 | 7 | 3.3 | 11.0 | 6.1 |
| FORDYCE LAKE (CA) | 6500 | 1/31/84 | 53 | 24.4 | 44.5 | 24.1 |
| FREEL BENCH (CA) | 7300 | 1/26/84 | 21 | 8.5 | 11.8 | 8.6 |
| FURNACE FLAT (CA) | 6700 | 1/31/84 | 68 | 31.8 | 48.0 | 29.6 |
| GLENBROOK #2 | 6900 | 1/28/84 | 21 | 8.0 | 16.5 | 7.6 |
| HAGANS MEADOW (CA) | 8000 | 1/26/84 | 45 | 17.0 | 18.1 | 12.2 |
| HEAVENLY VALLEY (CA) | 8850 | 1/20/84 | 65 | 26.4 | 27.2 | 17.4 |
| INDEPENDENCE CAMP CA | 7000 | 1/24/84 | 39 | 14.5 | 18.1 | 14.6 |
| INDEPENDENCE CREEK | 6500 | 1/25/84 | 19 | 6.7 | 12.9 | 8.9 |
| INDEPENDENCE LAKE CA | 8450 | 1/24/84 | 98 | 38.0 | 33.0 | 25.9 |
| LAKE LUCILLE (CA) | 8200 | 1/25/84 | 106 | 41.0E | -- | -- |
| LITTLE VALLEY | 6300 | 1/31/84 | 90 | 3.4E | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| MARLETTE LAKE | 8000 | 1/26/84 | 56 | 21.5 | 23.4 | 14.0 |
| MT. ROSE | 9000 | 1/31/84 | 91 | 36.3S | 30.9 | 19.9 |
| MT. ROSE SKI AREA | 9000 | 1/27/84 | 99 | 39.7 | 42.2 | 28.6 |
| RICHARDSONS #2 (CA) | 6500 | 1/28/84 | 27 | 9.4 | 15.7 | 10.7 |
| RUBICON #1 (CA) | 8100 | 1/25/84 | 100 | 39.0E | -- | 33.0 |
| RUBICON #2 (CA) | 7500 | 1/26/84 | 62 | 24.4 | 31.5 | 19.8 |
| SAGEHEN CREEK (CA) | 6500 | 1/25/84 | 32 | 11.3E | 19.4 | 11.5 |
| SQUAW VALLEY #2 (CA) | 7500 | 1/26/84 | 108 | 45.7 | 44.0 | 31.7 |
| SQUAW VALLEY G.C.,CA | 8200 | 1/27/84 | 104 | 49.8 | 45.8 | 33.5 |
| TAHUE CITY CROSS(CA) | 6750 | 1/26/84 | 35 | 13.4 | 24.4 | 13.3 |
| TRUCKEE #2 (CA) | 6400 | 1/26/84 | 23 | 7.6 | 19.0 | 9.7 |
| TRUCKEE, UPPER (CA) | 6400 | 1/26/84 | 14 | 5.3 | 9.0 | 7.0 |
| WARD CREEK #2 (CA) | 7000 | 1/26/84 | 78 | 32.8 | 37.5 | 26.2 |
| WARD CREEK #3 (CA) | 6750 | 1/26/84 | 66 | 26.5 | 34.8 | 23.1 |

SON-WALKER BASIN

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|-----|-------|------|------|
| BLUE LAKES (CA) | 8000 | 1/25/84 | 78 | 28.9 | 33.3 | 26.2 |
| CARSON PASS, UP (CA) | 8600 | 1/27/84 | 73 | 32.3 | 33.1 | 21.9 |
| CENTER MOUNTAIN (CA) | 9400 | 1/25/84 | 90 | 31.8 | 38.1 | 22.1 |
| CLEAR CREEK | 7300 | 1/31/84 | 28 | 11.1E | 10.2 | 7.2 |
| EBBETTS PASS #2 (CA) | 8700 | 1/25/84 | 85 | 33.7 | 33.5 | 25.6 |
| FISH VALLEY,UP AM,CA | 8050 | 1/25/84 | 38 | 9.6 | 16.0 | 10.0 |
| LEAVITT LAKE (CA) | 9400 | 1/25/84 | 106 | 42.1 | 46.8 | 29.3 |
| LEAVITT MEADOWS (CA) | 7200 | 1/25/84 | 15 | 4.8 | 11.4 | 6.5 |
| LOBDELL LAKE (CA) | 9200 | 1/25/84 | 44 | 13.8 | 18.6 | 11.7 |
| MONITOR PASS AM(CA) | 8350 | 1/25/84 | 40 | 13.1 | 20.0 | -- |

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

| DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE | | THIS YEAR | | | PAST RECORD | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------|
| | | Date of Survey | Snow Depth (inches) | Water Content (inches) | Water Content | |
| NAME | Elevation | | | | Last Year | Average |

CARSON-WALKER BASIN (Cont.)

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| POISON FLAT #2 (CA) | 7900 | 1/25/84 | 32 | 10.5 | 19.3 | 11.5 |
| SAWMILL RIDGE (CA) | 8750 | 1/25/84 | 45 | 14.2 | 19.8 | 13.2 |
| SONORA PASS (CA) | 8800 | 1/25/84 | 58 | 22.8 | 26.7 | 16.1 |
| SPRATT CREEK (CA) | 6080 | 1/25/84 | 7 | 2.5 | 9.0 | 6.0 |
| TIOGA PASS (CA) | 9900 | 1/31/84 | 67 | 26.8E | -- | 17.2 |
| WET MEADOWS #2 (CA) | 8100 | 1/25/84 | 87 | 32.0 | 35.2 | 25.4 |
| VIRGINIA LAKES RIDGE | 9200 | 1/25/84 | 45 | 15.0 | 17.2 | 9.8 |
| WET MEADOWS #2 (CA) | 8100 | 1/25/84 | 87 | 32.0 | 35.2 | 25.4 |
| WILLOW FLAT (CA) | 8250 | 1/25/84 | 25 | 9.3 | 14.3 | 7.2 |
| WOLF CREEK AM (CA) | 8000 | 1/25/84 | 60 | 22.8 | 32.4 | 20.7 |

NORTHERN GREAT BASIN

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| BALD MOUNTAIN AM | 6720 | 1/26/84 | 20 | 6.2A | 3.6 | .9 |
| BARBER CREEK (CA) | 6500 | 1/27/84 | 42 | 15.8 | 10.7 | 8.3 |
| CEDAR PASS (CA) | 7100 | 1/25/84 | 48 | 17.2S | -- | 10.6 |
| DISASTER PEAK | 6500 | 2/01/84 | 54 | 18.3S | 14.4 | 7.6 |
| DISMAL SWAMP #2 (CA) | 7000 | 2/01/84 | 89 | 29.4A | -- | 16.0 |
| FORTY-NINE MOUNTAIN | 6000 | 1/30/84 | 20 | 6.5 | 4.5 | 2.7 |
| HAYS CANYON | 6400 | 1/27/84 | 14 | 4.0 | -- | 2.8 |
| LITTLE BALLY MTN. AM | 6000 | 1/26/84 | 12 | 4.1A | -- | 2.2 |
| RESERVATION CREEK | 5900 | 1/30/84 | 43 | 16.8 | -- | 8.0 |

SNAKE RIVER

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| BEAR CREEK | 7800 | 2/01/84 | 68 | 22.4E | 14.8 | 13.6 |
| FOX CREEK | 6800 | 2/01/84 | 36 | 12.3E | -- | -- |
| GOAT CREEK | 8800 | 1/30/84 | 59 | 20.6 | 10.9 | 11.9 |
| HUMMINGBIRD SPRINGS | 8950 | 1/30/84 | 71 | 26.0E | -- | -- |
| JAKES CREEK AM | 7000 | 1/26/84 | 28 | 9.6 | 5.1 | -- |
| MERRIT MOUNTAIN AM | 7000 | 1/26/84 | 36 | 12.2 | 4.7 | 4.2 |
| POLE CREEK R.S. | 8330 | 1/30/84 | 59 | 21.9 | 12.8 | 13.3 |
| SEVENTYSIX CREEK | 7100 | 2/01/84 | 55 | 18.3E | 9.9 | 7.8 |
| STAG MOUNTAIN AM | 7700 | 1/26/84 | 38 | 12.5 | 6.7 | 3.7 |

OWYHEE RIVER

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|-----|-------|------|------|
| BIG BEND | 6700 | 2/01/84 | 30 | 10.2E | 6.7 | 6.1 |
| COLUMBIA BASIN AM | 6650 | 1/26/84 | 54 | 18.4 | 8.6 | 6.9 |
| FAWN CREEK AM | 7050 | 1/26/84 | 58 | 19.7 | 14.6 | 7.8 |
| FAWN CREEK #2 | 7050 | 2/01/84 | 62 | 21.0S | -- | -- |
| GOLD CREEK | 6600 | 2/01/84 | 15 | 8.0E | 4.6 | 3.9 |
| JACK CREEK, LOWER | 7250 | 2/01/84 | 14 | 4.7E | -- | -- |
| JACK CREEK, UPPER | 7250 | 2/01/84 | 34 | 11.2E | 8.8 | 4.2 |
| JACK CREEK #2, UPPER | 7280 | 2/01/84 | 66 | 21.7S | 19.8 | -- |
| JACKS PEAK | 8420 | 2/01/84 | 85 | 27.2E | 20.3 | 15.6 |
| LAUREL DRAW | 6700 | 1/01/84 | --- | 13.6E | 7.1 | 5.7 |
| TAYLOR CANYON | 6200 | 1/31/84 | 32 | 12.1 | 6.7 | 4.0 |

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

| DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE | | THIS YEAR | | | PAST RECORD | |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | Date of Survey | Snow Depth (inches) | Water Content (inches) | Water Content | |
| | | | | | Last Year | Average + |

UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|-----|-------|------|------|
| AMERICAN BEAUTY AM | 7800 | 1/26/84 | 52 | 17.2 | 9.1 | 6.5 |
| CORRAL CANYON | 8500 | 2/01/84 | 53 | 18.1E | 11.1 | 9.5 |
| DORSEY BASIN | 8100 | 2/01/84 | 57 | 18.8E | 11.9 | 8.0 |
| DRAW CREEK #2 | 7450 | 2/01/84 | 52 | 17.6S | -- | -- |
| DRY CREEK | 6500 | 2/01/84 | 25 | 9.1E | 6.2 | 5.2 |
| FRY CANYON | 6700 | 1/31/84 | 34 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 5.2 |
| GREEN MOUNTAIN | 8000 | 2/01/84 | 63 | 21.3E | 11.6 | 7.4 |
| HARRISON PASS #1 | 6600 | 2/01/84 | 30 | 12.1E | -- | -- |
| HARRISON PASS #2 | 7400 | 2/01/84 | 35 | 14.0E | -- | -- |
| LAMOILLE #1 | 7100 | 1/30/84 | 38 | 11.8 | 8.5 | 5.7 |
| LAMOILLE #3 | 7700 | 1/30/84 | 49 | 16.5 | 9.0 | 8.1 |
| LAMOILLE #5 | 8700 | 1/30/84 | 78 | 31.8 | 16.4 | 17.1 |
| POLE CANYON #2 | 7700 | 2/01/84 | 64 | 25.5E | -- | -- |
| ROBINSON LAKE AM | 9200 | 1/26/84 | 120 | 49.2 | 17.7 | 19.9 |
| RODEO FLAT | 6800 | 1/31/84 | 39 | 13.0 | 8.4 | 4.1 |
| RYAN RANCH | 5800 | 1/31/84 | 13 | 5.0E | -- | -- |
| SMITH CREEK | 7700 | 2/01/84 | 47 | 18.7E | -- | -- |
| TENT MIN, LOWER AM | 7000 | 1/26/84 | 41 | 12.3 | 9.8 | -- |
| TENT MIN, UPPER AM | 8350 | 1/26/84 | 79 | 32.4 | 15.5 | -- |
| TREMEWAN RANCH | 5700 | 1/31/84 | 18 | 5.6 | 2.5 | 1.2 |
| TROUT CREEK, LOWER | 6900 | 1/30/84 | 14 | 5.7E | -- | -- |
| TROUT CREEK, UPPER AM | 8500 | 2/01/84 | 73 | 21.9E | 16.1 | 12.0 |

LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| BIG CREEK CAMPGROUND | 6600 | 2/01/84 | 14 | 4.9E | -- | -- |
| BIG CREEK MINE | 7600 | 2/01/84 | 26 | 8.8E | -- | -- |
| BIG CREEK SUMMIT | 8700 | 2/01/84 | 68 | 23.1S | 18.0 | -- |
| BIG CREEK, UPPER | 7800 | 2/01/84 | 50 | 17.0E | -- | -- |
| BUCKSKIN, LOWER | 6700 | 2/01/84 | 37 | 12.2E | 8.5 | 5.3 |
| BUCKSKIN, UPPER | 8200 | 2/01/84 | 47 | 15.7E | -- | -- |
| GOLCONDA #2 | 6000 | 2/01/84 | 28 | 9.4E | 12.0 | 1.3 |
| GRANITE PEAK | 7800 | 1/31/84 | 61 | 20.1E | 16.2 | 11.4 |
| LAMANCE CREEK | 6000 | 2/01/84 | 49 | 15.8E | 7.0 | 6.2 |
| MARTIN CREEK | 6700 | 1/31/84 | 33 | 11.3E | -- | -- |
| MIDAS | 7200 | 1/26/84 | 30 | 10.2 | 6.1 | 2.1 |
| SNOWSTORM MOUNTAIN | 7420 | 1/26/84 | 52 | 17.7 | 11.7 | -- |
| TOE JAM AM | 7700 | 1/26/84 | 48 | 16.3 | 10.1 | 6.7 |

EASTERN NEVADA

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|---------|----|-------|------|------|
| BERRY CREEK | 9100 | 1/30/84 | 19 | 6.4 | 12.8 | 9.3 |
| HOLE-IN-MOUNTAIN | 7900 | 2/01/84 | 96 | 31.8S | 8.5 | 13.3 |
| MURRAY SUMMIT | 7250 | 1/25/84 | 21 | 5.2 | 3.7 | -- |
| ROBINSON SUMMIT | 7600 | 1/26/84 | 18 | 4.1 | 2.6 | -- |
| WARD MOUNTAIN #2 | 9200 | 2/01/84 | 33 | 11.2S | 8.8 | 5.1 |

EASTERN COLORADO RIVER

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|------|---------|----|------|------|----|
| LEE CANYON #2 | 9000 | 1/26/84 | 13 | 33.7 | 11.2 | -- |
| LEE CANYON #3 | 8500 | 1/26/84 | 8 | 2.6 | 9.1 | -- |

NOTEL PROVISIONAL/depth estimated
ESTIMATED

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+1961-1980, 20 year period.

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

| DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE | | THIS YEAR | | | PAST RECORD | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | | Date of Survey | Snow Depth (Inches) | Water Content (Inches) | Water Content (inches) | |
| NAME | Elevation | | | | Last Year | Average † |

DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE MEASUREMENTS

TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|----------|-------|------|------|------|
| Alder Creek | 6,960 | 01/27/84 | 68.0 | 29.7 | 41.7 | ---- |
| Apollo Way | 7,300 | 01/28/84 | 23.0 | 11.3 | 20.5 | ---- |
| Bennett Flat | 6,200 | 01/27/84 | 24.0 | 8.3 | 18.5 | ---- |
| Brockway Summit | 7,200 | 01/27/84 | 46.0 | 16.6 | 26.8 | ---- |
| Cabin Creek | 6,540 | 01/27/84 | 24.0 | 9.5 | 19.9 | ---- |
| Clear Creek | 5,800 | 01/29/84 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 | ---- |
| Cliff Ranch, Franktown | 5,250 | 01/29/84 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | ---- |
| Davis Creek | 5,160 | 01/29/84 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 | ---- |
| Evergreen Hills Road | 5,700 | 01/28/84 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 4.6 | ---- |
| Fuller Lake | 6,200 | 01/29/84 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0 | ---- |
| Galena Creek | 7,440 | 01/28/84 | 50.0 | 17.7 | | ---- |
| Hennessey Past Jct. | 6,410 | 01/27/84 | 26.0 | 9.7 | 17.5 | ---- |
| Hobart Mill | 5,850 | 01/27/84 | 13.0 | 6.0 | 13.4 | ---- |
| Incline Creek | 6,235 | 01/28/84 | 0 | 0 | 5.6 | ---- |
| Jones Creek | 6,000 | 01/28/84 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 5.2 | ---- |
| Joy Lake | 6,000 | 01/29/84 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 2.8 | ---- |
| Jct. 395 & NV 27 | 4,590 | 01/28/84 | 0 | 0 | T | ---- |
| Lancer | 5,110 | 01/28/84 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 | ---- |
| Little Valley | 6,540 | 01/29/84 | 11.0 | 4.8 | | ---- |
| Mount Rose Resort | 8,280 | 01/28/84 | 78.0 | 30.4 | 34.6 | ---- |
| North Star Fire Dept. | 6,320 | 01/27/84 | 10.0 | 3.9 | 12.4 | ---- |
| RNR Forestry Site | 6,400 | 01/28/84 | 20.0 | 7.1 | 12.3 | ---- |
| Reindeer Lodge | 7,060 | 01/28/84 | 26.0 | 9.4 | 19.4 | ---- |
| Relay Station Tram | 9,660 | 01/28/84 | 101.0 | 44.7 | | ---- |
| Sagehen Creek | 6,340 | 01/27/84 | 20.0 | 8.3 | | ---- |
| Sky Tavern | 7,620 | 01/28/84 | 47.0 | 20.1 | 25.2 | ---- |
| Spooner Summit | 7,260 | 01/29/84 | 33.0 | 13.6 | 18.7 | ---- |
| Squaw Valley Fire Dept. | 6,240 | 01/27/84 | 16.0 | 8.6 | 25.2 | ---- |
| Tahoe City | 6,240 | 01/27/84 | 22.0 | 8.8 | 16.8 | ---- |
| Tahoe Meadows | 8,540 | 01/28/84 | 92.0 | 38.0 | 44.8 | ---- |
| Tamarack Lake | 8,820 | 01/28/84 | 70.0 | 28.8 | 34.6 | ---- |
| Third Creek | 8,000 | 01/28/84 | 61.0 | 25.8 | 31.6 | ---- |
| Thunder Cliff | 6,200 | 01/27/84 | 18.0 | 7.9 | 18.5 | ---- |
| Truckee-Tahoe Airport | 5,900 | 01/27/84 | 0 | 0 | 8.3 | ---- |
| Whites Creek | 5,670 | 01/28/84 | 0 | 0 | 2.1 | ---- |

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PRECIPITATION (Inches)

| DRAINAGE BASIN and PRECIPITATION GAGE LOCATION | ELEVATION | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | FROM APPROX. OCT 1 TO DATE | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | | Date of Reading | Month's Precipitation | Last Year | This Year | Last Year | February 1 Average |
| <u>TAHOE-TRUCKEE</u> | | | | | | | |
| Fallen Leaf (CA) | 6,240 | 2/1/84 | .40 | 7.6 | 14.3 | 26.4 | 20.0 |
| Hagan's Meadow (CA) | 8,000 | 2/1/84 | 1.70 | 5.6 | 22.9 | 19.4 | 15.1 |
| Heavenly Valley (CA) | 8,800 | 2/1/84 | .70 | 7.2 | 23.4 | 25.5 | 17.6 |
| Marlette Lake | 8,000 | 2/1/84 | 1.30 | 7.2 | 26.0 | 27.3 | 17.6 |
| Mount Rose | 9,000 | 2/1/84 | 1.20 | 6.3 | 26.8 | 27.3 | 18.4 |
| Rubicon #2 (CA) | 7,500 | 2/1/84 | 1.30 | 7.9 | 34.0 | 33.2 | 28.0 |
| Squaw Valley Gold Coast (CA) | 7,800 | 2/1/84 | 1.40 | 8.1 | 52.9 | 42.3 | 49.2 |
| Tahoe City Cross (CA) | 6,750 | 2/1/84 | 1.10 | 7.1 | 31.6 | 27.7 | 27.4 |
| Truckee #2 (CA) | 6,400 | 2/1/84 | .80 | 7.4 | 27.5 | 25.6 | 23.5 |
| Ward Creek #3 (CA) | 6,750 | 2/1/84 | .90 | 11.7 | 63.5 | 48.2 | 38.7 |
| <u>CARSON-WALKER</u> | | | | | | | |
| Blue Lakes (CA) | 8,000 | 2/1/84 | .80 | 9.9 | 32.0 | 40.3 | 30.4 |
| Ebbetts Pass (CA) | 8,700 | 2/1/84 | 1.00 | 11.0 | 37.4 | 44.1 | 27.0 |
| Leavitt Meadows (CA) | 7,200 | 2/1/84 | .50 | 6.6 | 26.6 | 26.0 | 23.5 |
| Lobdell Lake (CA) | 9,200 | 2/1/84 | 1.00 | 6.5 | 16.7 | 21.5 | 12.5 |
| Sonora Pass Bridge (CA) | 8,800 | 2/1/84 | 1.00 | 8.8 | 28.2 | 32.1 | 18.2 |
| Spratt Creek (CA) | 6,080 | 2/1/84 | .60 | 7.0 | 26.4 | 29.0 | 20.7 |
| Virginia Lakes Ridge (CA) | 9,200 | 2/1/84 | 1.30 | 7.6 | 18.9 | 23.0 | 3.7 |
| Wet Meadows #2 (CA) | 8,050 | 2/1/84 | .70 | 10.0 | 37.1 | 38.6 | 26.3 |
| <u>HUMBOLDT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Big Creek Summit | 8,700 | 2/1/84 | 2.00 | 5.7 | 18.1 | 14.1 | 6.6 |
| Buckskin, Lower | 6,700 | 2/1/84 | .80 | 3.5 | 18.3 | 12.5 | 11.9 |
| Corral Canyon | 8,500 | 2/1/84 | 3.60 | 4.8 | 20.1 | 15.1 | 10.9 |
| Dorsey Basin | 8,100 | 2/1/84 | 2.40 | 3.8 | 26.2 | 16.1 | 12.7 |
| Draw Creek | 7,220 | 2/1/84 | 1.20 | — | 18.1 | — | — |
| Granite Peak | 7,800 | 2/1/84 | 3.60 | 3.3 | — | 17.2 | 15.0 |
| Green Mountain | 8,000 | 2/1/84 | 2.20 | 4.8 | 26.9 | 16.7 | 16.6 |
| Lamance Creek | 6,000 | 2/1/84 | .60 | 3.3 | 25.5 | 15.1 | — |
| Lamoille #3 | 7,700 | 2/1/84 | 2.10 | 3.4 | 25.1 | 14.1 | 11.1 |
| <u>SNAKE-OWYHEE</u> | | | | | | | |
| Bear Creek | 7,800 | 2/1/84 | 2.90 | 3.0 | 23.9 | 14.4 | 13.8 |
| Big Bend | 6,700 | 2/1/84 | 1.00 | 1.6 | 13.3 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| Goat Creek | 8,800 | 2/1/84 | 3.00 | 1.6 | 23.3 | 9.4 | 14.2 |
| Jack Creek #2, Upper | 7,250 | 2/1/84 | 1.60 | 3.2 | 18.9 | 15.0 | 12.7 |
| Jacks Peak | 8,420 | 2/1/84 | 2.80 | 5.3 | 24.4 | 22.5 | 27.5 |
| Laurel Draw | 6,700 | 2/1/84 | .70 | 2.3 | 22.7 | 11.9 | 12.9 |
| Pole Creek Ranger Station | 8,330 | 2/1/84 | 2.30 | 1.5 | 15.3 | 8.4 | 9.4 |
| Seventy-Six Creek | 7,100 | 2/1/84 | 2.10 | 1.8 | 18.5 | 10.0 | 9.9 |
| Taylor Canyon | 6,200 | 2/1/84 | 1.30 | 1.1 | 15.1 | 4.6 | 5.7 |
| <u>EASTERN NEVADA</u> | | | | | | | |
| Berry Creek | 9,100 | 2/1/84 | 1.20 | 3.4 | 12.7 | 11.4 | 9.8 |
| Diamond Peak | 8,040 | 2/1/84 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hole-in-Mountain | 7,900 | 2/1/84 | 2.70 | 3.0 | 32.0 | 13.6 | 25.4 |
| Ward Mountain | 8,900 | 2/1/84 | 1.00 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 12.8 | 10.2 |
| <u>NORTHERN NEVADA</u> | | | | | | | |
| Cedar Pass (CA) | 7,100 | 2/1/84 | 1.40 | 2.4 | 25.3 | 17.4 | — |
| Disaster Peak | 6,500 | 2/1/84 | 1.10 | 2.7 | 20.0 | 14.2 | 12.3 |
| Dismal Swamp #2 (CA) | 7,050 | 2/1/84 | .70 | 5.7 | 29.9 | 27.6 | — |

PRECIPITATION (Inches) For January 1984 - NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, RENO, NEVADA

| DRAINAGE BASIN and PRECIPITATION GAGE LOCATION | Elevation | CURRENT INFORMATION | | | FROM APPROX. OCT 1 TO DATE | | |
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| | | Month's Precip. | Last Year | *Normal | This Year | Last Year | *Normal |
| <u>TRUCKEE-TAHOE</u> | | | | | | | |
| Boca | 5,575 | 0.30 | 5.83 | 4.34 | 18.73 | 22.57 | 12.24 |
| Glenbrook | 6,350 | 0.16 | 4.79 | 4.23 | 12.18 | 17.96 | 10.52 |
| Incline Village | 6,550 | 0.31 | 5.49 | 5.02 | 19.92 | 23.51 | 11.71 |
| Reno | 4,404 | 0.36 | 1.72 | 1.21 | 5.29 | 6.12 | 3.40 |
| Sierraville | 4,975 | 0.89 | 6.15 | 5.31 | 23.48 | 24.00 | 15.96 |
| Tahoe City | 6,230 | 0.73 | 6.49 | 6.78 | 22.27 | 26.23 | 19.24 |
| Truckee Ranger Station | 5,995 | 0.44 | 5.82 | 6.67 | 24.91 | 25.60 | 18.60 |
| <u>CARSON-WALKER</u> | | | | | | | |
| Bridgeport Ranger Station | 6,560 | 0.10 | 2.80 | 2.33 | | 10.03 | 6.55 |
| Carson City | 4,651 | 0.47 | 2.96 | 2.27 | 9.04 | 10.16 | 6.54 |
| Fallon Experiment Station | 3,965 | 0.17 | 0.99 | .42 | 3.26 | 4.08 | 1.57 |
| Hawthorne | 4,215 | 0.17 | 0.79 | .37 | 1.28 | 2.07 | 1.45 |
| Minden | 4,720 | 0 | 3.10 | 1.47 | 1.42 | 7.99 | 4.50 |
| Twin Lakes | 7,829 | 0.89 | 11.26 | 9.58 | | 37.12 | 26.68 |
| Woodfords | 5,971 | 0.38 | 5.56 | 3.92 | 17.56 | 21.58 | 12.08 |
| Yerington | 4,375 | 0.78 | 0.88 | .57 | 3.13 | 3.09 | 2.08 |
| <u>HUMBOLDT</u> | | | | | | | |
| Austin | 6,605 | 0.80 | 3.49 | .89 | 8.54 | 7.16 | 3.89 |
| Battle Mountain | 4,530 | 0.04 | 0.39 | .62 | 2.87 | 2.95 | 2.74 |
| Deeth | 5,338 | 0.64 | 2.14 | 1.13 | 8.32 | 7.14 | 3.22 |
| Elko | 5,075 | 0.57 | 1.73 | 1.16 | 8.75 | 5.48 | 3.96 |
| Emigrant Pass | 5,755 | 0.46 | 2.03 | 1.42 | 8.04 | 5.94 | 4.71 |
| Jiggs | 5,760 | 0.53 | 2.50 | 1.02 | 10.69 | 6.28 | 4.03 |
| Lamoille | 5,800 | 0.54 | N/A | 1.43 | 7.19 | | 6.20 |
| Lovelock FAA | 3,900 | 0.35 | 0.68 | .49 | 4.15 | 3.45 | 1.80 |
| North Fork | 6,600 | 0.38 | 0.90 | | | | |
| Paradise Valley | 4,675 | 0.15 | 1.47 | 1.04 | 9.40 | 5.73 | 5.26 |
| Wells | 5,650 | 0.23 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 7.62 | 3.99 | 4.02 |
| Winnemucca | 4,301 | 0.11 | 1.19 | .97 | 5.65 | 4.31 | 3.53 |
| <u>SNAKE-OWYHEE</u> | | | | | | | |
| Contact | 5,365 | 0.21 | 0.80 | .95 | 6.25 | 3.09 | 2.77 |
| Mountain City | 5,620 | 0.36 | 0.54 | * | 8.72 | 4.50 | * |
| Owyhee | 5,396 | 0.37 | 1.15 | 1.41 | 9.17 | 5.71 | 5.39 |
| Tuscarora | 6,170 | 0.28 | 1.90 | 1.67 | 10.32 | 8.06 | 5.69 |
| <u>EASTERN NEVADA</u> | | | | | | | |
| Arthur | 6,280 | 0.81 | 1.62 | 1.68 | 13.23 | 7.18 | 5.78 |
| Ely | 6,253 | 0.36 | 1.41 | .64 | 3.27 | 4.18 | 2.61 |
| Montello | 4,880 | 0.08 | 1.12 | .52 | 3.31 | 3.39 | 2.34 |
| Pequop | 6,030 | 0.37 | 1.01 | * | 7.06 | 4.68 | * |
| Ruby Lake | 6,012 | 1.00 | 1.86 | 1.22 | 10.80 | 5.65 | 4.94 |
| <u>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</u> | | | | | | | |
| Alturas Ranger Station | 4,400 | 0.81 | 0.61 | 1.71 | 11.50 | 5.44 | 5.97 |
| Cedarville | 4,670 | 0.15 | 0.42 | 1.82 | | 4.76 | 7.55 |
| Ft. Bidwell | 4,498 | | 1.37 | 2.41 | | 8.65 | 8.01 |
| Orovada | 4,310 | 0.20 | 1.06 | 1.22 | 6.73 | 3.76 | 4.40 |
| Susanville | 4,148 | 0.11 | 3.11 | 2.78 | 10.64 | 10.33 | 8.27 |
| <u>CENTRAL GREAT BASIN</u> | | | | | | | |
| Tonopah | 5,426 | 0.04 | 0.92 | .30 | 1.85 | 3.04 | 1.31 |
| <u>LOWER COLORADO RIVER</u> | | | | | | | |
| Caliente | 4,402 | 0.26 | 1.13 | .76 | | 3.62 | 3.19 |
| Las Vegas | 2,162 | T | 0.43 | .45 | 0.79 | 1.79 | 1.47 |
| Pioche | 6,165 | 0.16 | 2.45 | 1.47 | 2.97 | 6.17 | 5.00 |
| Bishop | 4,118 | T | 1.82 | 1.20 | 2.53 | 6.04 | 3.09 |
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